

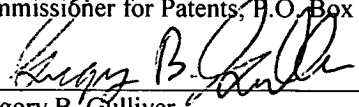


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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 19, 2009**

Dear Commissioner:

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 19, 2009, for which a shortened statutory period for reply expires on November 19, 2009. This Response is, however, being filed within two months of the mailing date of this Final Office Action, August 19, 2009. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the timely receipt of an Advisory Action.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.